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SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Surely.

SENATOR BARNETT: Now, actually what I need is an explanation a little bit farther into the bill. I understood what Senator Anderson said, but with this bill are you now giving permission to the coyote hunters to shoot out of a car or out of a roadway, from a ditch, or anywhere. Do they have to go inside a fence. What is the regulation now with this bill?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: If this goes through, Senator Barnett. It will be back that way it was. You can shoot from the ditch from the road.

SENATOR BARNETT: How about from the car?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Well, with a rifle you can. With a shotgun you cannot. I think. I'm not positive on that.

SENATOR BARNETT: Does anybody know? Can anybody answer that question? Can they shoot from a car, from an automobile on a roadway, on coyotes.

PRESIDENT: Stand by, Senator Barnett. Senator Anderson is on his feet.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Senator Barnett. We have a separate law on the books right now in regard to the hunting of any game animal. And that section specifically prohibits the hunting of any game animal from the road or from a motor vehicle. So that would normally presume a pheasant, quail, turkey, deer, antelope, something like this.

SENATOR BARNETT: How about the coyote?

SENATOR ANDERSON: The coyote up until the 1st of January of this year was permitted to hunt a coyote by shooting him from a motor vehicle or from a roadway. We've only had this prohibition on the books from the 1st of January until now, and it is as a result of a section in LB 45 which apparently went by unnoticed by most people. So that is the situation.

SENATOR BARNETT: You haven't answered the question, as far as I'm concerned, because is a coyote a game animal or not.

SENATOR ANDERSON: The coyote is not a game animal.

SENATOR BARNETT: Then you can shoot them from the car? Right?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Not now you can't.

SENATOR BARNETT: O.K.

SENATOR ANDERSON: You could shoot the coyote from the car last year. The section in LB 45 that simply said you can't hunt, take or molest any species of animal or fish or anything like from a motor vehicle. And so that's what stopped the coyote hunting.

PRESIDENT: Do you give up, Senator Barnett. All right, the next to speak is Senator Skarda.